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1. British views on Japanese treaty--US Embassy London reports that Foreign Secretary Bevin told British press representatives during a recent off-the-record interview that the UK has completed its study of the Japanese peace treaty problem and hopes for a peace conference early in 1950. Bevin indicated a British preference that the conference, invitations for which will be issued jointly with the US, be held in Canberra. He further revealed a British plan to invite both the USSR and Chinese Communist representatives. Bevin said that if the Soviet Union and Communist China refuse to participate, the plan would be to proceed without them; he declared that the UK and the other powers "can't wait around indefinitely until the Soviets make their mind up."

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